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# H. RES. 17

Concerning the extradition to the United States of Salvadorans.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORAN of Virginia submitted the following resolution; which was referred  
to the Committee on International Relations

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# RESOLUTION

Concerning the extradition to the United States of  
Salvadorans.

Whereas 24 Salvadorans who have been accused of murder  
in the District of Columbia have fled to El Salvador to  
avoid prosecution in the United States;

Whereas these 24 individuals represent approximately two-  
thirds of the outstanding homicide warrants in the Dis-  
trict of Columbia;

Whereas other jurisdictions, such as Arlington, Virginia, seek  
Salvadorans who have fled to El Salvador for serious  
crimes, including homicide;

Whereas since 1911, El Salvador has maintained a treaty  
with the United States that provides for the extradition  
of suspects charged with certain criminal offenses;

Whereas the United States-El Salvador extradition treaty  
does not compel the extradition of either nation's citizens;

Whereas the United States has no constitutional prohibition  
against extraditing its own citizens;

Whereas El Salvador's constitution prohibits the extradition  
of Salvadoran citizens;

Whereas the El Salvadoran legislature, in April 1997, voted  
to amend its constitution to allow extradition of its citizens;

Whereas the constitutional amendment permitting extradition  
of Salvadoran nationals requires approval by two-thirds  
of El Salvador's unicameral legislature in a second vote  
before it can be enacted; and

Whereas the vast majority of Salvadoran immigrants to the  
United States have contributed much to the communities  
in which they live: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-  
2       resentatives that—

3               (1) the return to the United States of all indi-  
4       viduals who have fled the United States to avoid  
5       prosecution or confinement for criminal offenses and  
6       who are currently living in El Salvador should be a  
7       top priority for the United States Government;

8               (2) the legislature of El Salvador is to be com-  
9       mended for its April 1997, passage of legislation  
10      which may lead to enactment of a constitutional  
11      amendment permitting extradition of Salvadoran na-  
12      tionals; and

1           (3) the Government of El Salvador is urged to  
2       take all steps necessary to ensure enactment of a  
3       constitutional amendment permitting extradition of  
4       Salvadoran nationals during its current legislative  
5       session.

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